



BURREN IN BLOOM

7th – 9th June 2019 PROGRAMME

A massive thank you to all the community members who have donated their time & resources organising these events. While many Burren in Bloom events are free, we would welcome a suggested donation of €5 towards the work of the Burrenbeo Trust. All monies raised will support the programmes of local charity, Burrenbeo Trust (www.burrenbeo.com).

More details on all events, **bookings, exact meeting locations** & last minute changes at

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7th June / Friday

*Need to book in advance.

WORKSHOP	10am-12:15pm BEE AWARE WORKSHOP with <i>Janet Laffey, Green Sod Trust</i> . New Quay National School children will develop ideas on how to make their school grounds more pollinator-friendly. This event is not open to the public
TALK/ WORKSHOP	11am-1pm POLLINATION IN THE PARK with <i>Congella Maguire, Heritage Officer, Cormac McCarthy, Ennis Tidy Towns and Úna Fitzpatrick</i> . Learn what practical actions local councils can take to protect pollinators on public land. Location: Ennis – Áras Chontae an Chláir (11am) and Fairgreen/Tim Smythe Park (12pm).
WORKSHOP	2pm-4pm PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS with <i>Úna Fitzpatrick, All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Project Coordinator and Keane's Garden Centre staff</i> . Learn about pollinator-friendly plants and which ones provide most pollen and nectar for bees. Location: Keane's Garden Centre, Kilcolgan.
WALK* BOOKED OUT	2:15pm-5pm FLOWERS AND POLLINATORS OF THE BURREN NATIONAL PARK with <i>National Parks and Wildlife Service guides</i> . A guided exploration of flora, pollinators and more within the Burren National Park. Booking essential at burrennationalpark@chg.gov.ie or 065 682 7693. Free shuttle bus service departs the Info Point in Corofin at 2pm. Location: Gortlecka crossroads.
SITE SURVEY*	2pm-5pm SEARCHING FOR RARE BUTTERFLIES AND BEES with <i>Liam Lysaght and Tomás Murray, National Data Biodiversity Centre</i> . Join staff of the National Biodiversity Data Centre in a search for rare species of bumblebee and butterfly across less well-known areas of the Burren. Location: Meet at Ballyvaughan old pier roadside parking for travel to survey site.
LAUNCH	8pm-9:30pm BURREN IN BLOOM 2019 LAUNCH with <i>Gordon D'Arcy, Úna Fitzpatrick and Brendan Dunford</i> . A presentation, illustrated in real time, on the role of the Burren's butterflies as pollinators and an overview of how the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is helping Ireland's struggling bees. Location: Tullys, Main Street, Kinvara.

8th June / Saturday

ART PROJECT	10am-12pm BE(E)TWEEN – A PARTICIPATORY INTERVENTION with <i>Eileen Hutton, artist</i> . An interactive project, featuring solar powered bee sculptures, an observation hive, photographs of bee anatomy and framed honeycomb. Location: Ballyvaughan Farmer's Market.
WORKSHOP*	10am-2pm PLANT AND POLLINATOR IDENTIFICATION FOR BEGINNERS with <i>Maria Long, ecologist, and Úna Fitzpatrick, All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Project Coordinator</i> . Come along and learn the basics of plant identification and how to identify some of our most common bumblebees, solitary bees and hoverflies. Cost €15/€10 for Burrenbeo Trust members. Location: NUIG Research Station, Carron.
WORKSHOP	10:30am-1pm BUMBLEBEE & SHRILL CARDER BEE MONITORING SCHEME with <i>Tomás Murray, National Biodiversity Data Centre, and Michelle Larkin, NUIG Botany and Plant Science Department</i> . Using information collected by scientists and the public helps to inform the actions we can take to prevent further decline in our wildlife. Location: Glencolumbkille Layby, Carron.
WALK*	11am-2pm FARMING FOR NATURE with <i>Pat and Oliver Nagle, farmers, and Dara Stanley, ecologist and Lecturer in Applied Entomology at UCD</i> . Farm walk with a Farming for Nature Ambassador family, together with an ecologist, showcasing their contribution to nature and good farming practices. Booking essential at www.farmingfornature.com Location: Pullagh (past Slieve Carran travelling towards Carron).
FAMILY FUN	2pm BUGS, BLOOMS AND THE BURREN with <i>Kate Lavender and Gráinne Barron, Burrenbeo Trust</i> . Fun and interactive activities learning about pollinators in the Burren's hedgerows and limestone pavements. This event is most suitable for 6-12 year olds. Parents must remain with their children. Location: NUIG Research Station, Carron.

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WALK	2.30pm-5.30pm BOTANY, BUTTERFLIES, BEES AND BOVINES with <i>Lynda Weekes, botanist, Ben Malone, National Biodiversity Data Centre, and John Marrinan, farmer</i> . An opportunity to walk through the Burren landscape with a local farmer, a botanist and a biodiversity expert. Donation to Burrenbeo Trust €10/€5 for Burrenbeo Trust members. Location: Cahercommaun Car Park.
SITE SURVEY	2.30pm – 5.30pm SEARCHING FOR RARE BUTTERFLIES AND BEES with <i>Liam Lysaght and Tomás Murray, National Biodiversity Data Centre</i> . Survey location will be decided on the day. This event involves walking over rough ground for 2-3 hours. Suitable footwear and clothing essential. Bring water and snacks. Location: Meet at Ballyvaughan old pier roadside parking for travel to survey site.
WALK	2.30pm -4.30pm COMMUNITIES AND BIODIVERSITY with <i>Dr. Sharon Parr, naturalist</i> . This gentle walk around the beautiful seaside village of Ballyvaughan will explore local flora and fauna and include discussions on how we can make our towns and villages more pollinator friendly. Location: Ballyvaughan – meet at church car park.
AFTERNOON TEA	3:30pm-5:30pm AFTERNOON TEA AT GREGANS CASTLE HOTEL Afternoon Tea at Gregans Castle, including an introduction to the house and the glorious gardens, with spectacular views that stretch across the Burren hills to Galway Bay. Donation to Burrenbeo Trust €20/€15 for Burrenbeo Trust members. Location: Gregans Castle Hotel.
SATURDAY SOAPBOX	7pm-8pm POLLINATION – HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW WE CAN BRING THE POLLINATOR PLAN TO LIFE chaired by <i>Brendan Dunford</i> . Opportunity for members of the public to share their one 'Big Idea' on how we can help pollinators. Location: Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan.
KEYNOTE TALKS	8pm-9:30pm BURREN IN BLOOM KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS with <i>Carl Wright, gardener and creator of Caher Bridge Garden, and Dara Stanley, ecologist</i> . Location: Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan.

9th June / Sunday

WALK	9:30am-12:30pm FAITH IN NATURE – A REFLECTIVE JOURNEY with <i>Pius Murray, Seán McDonagh and friends</i> . A participatory reconnection with nature. Location: Chip Dump Layby past, NUIG Research Station, Carron.
PHOTO DEMO	10:30am-1pm UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL: THE WILD WORLD OF POLLINATORS with <i>Martin Kiely, photographer</i> . Slow down - watch - and capture an image of a dragonfly, bee or butterfly as they cruise the pollinator super-highway along the wildflower meadows of the Burren. Donation to Burrenbeo Trust €15/€10 for Burrenbeo Trust members. Bring a camera and knee pads/a small mat/small cushion to sit on. Location: Gortlecka crossroads.
WALK	11am-2pm ADVANCED PLANT AND POLLINATOR IDENTIFICATION with <i>Cilian Roden, ecologist, Tomás Murray, National Biodiversity Data Centre, and Michael Keane, farmer/botanist</i> . Location: Tubber area – meet at Tubber Hall.
WORKSHOP	11am-1pm THE BUSINESS OF BEES AND POLLINATION with <i>Sadie Chowen and friends</i> . Explore how a business can provide a friendly habitat for pollinators. Visit the garden, bee hives and experience a taste of our different honeys. Donation to Burrenbeo Trust €15/€10 for Burrenbeo Trust members. Location: The Burren Perfumery, Carron.
WALK	2:30pm-5pm BUMBLEBEES, HOVERFLIES, TEA AND CAKE with <i>Michelle Larkin, botanist and Neal and Harry Jeuken, farmers, ecologists and beekeepers</i> . A walk through a working farm - working to conserve habitats for pollinators and people. Donation to Burrenbeo Trust €10/€5 for Burrenbeo Trust members. Location: Lough Avalla – meet at car-park signposted from Gortlecka Crossroads.
WALK	2:30pm-4pm WILDFLOWERS AND POLLINATION MECHANISMS with <i>Micheline Sheehy-Skeffington, botanist and Kinvara Tidy Towns group</i> . A gentle and informative loop walk around Kinvara village and surrounds to look for wild flowers in different habitats. Location: Meet at Kinvara Community Centre.

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Burren in Bloom is coordinated by the Burrenbeo Trust this year we are collaborating with the National Biodiversity Data Centre and their All Ireland Pollinator Plan. The event is supported by the EPA and the Heritage Council.

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